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Art Unit 1743

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/084,089; Filed: February 28, 2002 For: Automated Liquid Manufacturing System

Inventors:

Kubiak et al.

Our Ref:

0942.2840003/EJK/FRC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
- 2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Reply to Restriction Requirement**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 14, 2005, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-12 and 38-83. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. This election is made with traverse.

The election above is made with traverse because claims 1-65, 82 and 83 were canceled in a Preliminary Amendment filed in the present application on February 28, 2002. Thus, only claims 66-81 are currently pending in this application. As claims 66-81 are within Group I set forth by the Examiner and no claims within Group II are pending, the Restriction Requirement was in error.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of

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time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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